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Dedicated To The Rescue, Care And Adoption Of Homeless Animals

Rude Ranch Gives Birth to a Spay & Neuter Clinic

Rude Ranch is excited to announce its newest endeavor, the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook. This will be a High Quality, High Volume Spay & Neuter clinic located at 1251 West Central Avenue in Davidsonville, Maryland. We still have a lot of work to do before opening day, but it looks like our latest baby will arrive on or around November 1, 2012.

We will be part of a nationwide team of spay & neuter clinics who are affiliated with the Humane Alliance mentorship program. The Humane Alliance and Petsmart Charities are working with Rude Ranch to ensure the success of our clinic. The Humane Alliance is a national group that has opened more than 100 clinics across the United States. We will be training with them in their Asheville, NC clinic and they will be with us during our first week to help us hit the ground running.

The focus of our veterinary clinic is to offer lower priced spay & neuter services for cats and dogs. It will have state-of-the-art medical equipment and protocols to ensure all of our patients get the best possible care. You will be able to drop your beloved pets off in the morning and pick them up that same day. The costs will start at \$40 for a cat neuter, \$55 for a cat spay, \$65 for a dog neuter, and \$75 for a dog spay.

We are able to offer these discounted services thanks to generous donations from individuals, corporations and charitable foundations. We would like to specifically thank the following sponsors of the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook:

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Spay Spa & neuter nook

We began with a fund-raising goal of \$250,000 and, as of the publishing of this newsletter, we have raised nearly \$200,000 toward this goal. To join our team and make the dream to end needless euthanasia of companion animals a reality, go online to www.spayspa.org/clinicdonationflyer.pdf and

become a sponsor. Sponsorships start at \$500.

With your sponsorship you get a great tax deduction and know that your donation is going toward ending the suffering of companion animals in our community. In order to show our appreciation, your name will be permanently and prominently displayed on a plaque in our clinic lobby, listed on our clinic web-site, and included in our newsletter.

Additionally, Rude Ranch founders Bob and Kathy Rude have personally issued a \$K challenge to all individuals, families and businesses. Match their \$5,000 donation and they will give you a personal tour of the clinic, VIP seating at the grand opening, a signed copy of Rude Ranch's book, *The Best Little Cat House*, and permanent recognition on the "\$K" plaque that will be proudly displayed in our lobby!

If you would like to talk to us in more detail about becoming involved, please contact Bob Rude at ruderanch@comcast.net or call 410.798.9559.

Stay tuned for our official opening date and grand opening.

A Note from our Executive Director

Welcome to our Fall MEWSletter!

We hope everyone had a happy and relaxing summer with your families and pets! At Rude Ranch the time flies by! It seems like just last week I was writing about our plans for the spring and summer!

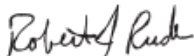
There's a lot of excitement here as our dream of opening a spay/neuter clinic is becoming a reality. The Spay Spa & Neuter Nook will be available to anyone who needs to spay or neuter a dog or cat. Last year Maryland shelters and animal control agencies were forced to euthanize more than 45,000 companion animals due to a lack of homes and space in local shelters. We can dramatically reduce this number if everyone pulls together and spays or neuters their pets. Read more about it and my special 5K Challenge on page 1!

I would be remiss if I didn't remind you that Rude Ranch's book, *The Best Little Cat House in Maryland*, is still getting great reviews and is now available in Kindle format. If you haven't read it yet, you can still get it online at Amazon.com. It makes a great Holiday gift for the animal lover in your life!

Looking ahead, we are getting ready to start our ninth year participating in the Combined Federal Campaign and the Maryland Charity Campaign. We're also participating in the National Capital Area United Way for our second year. These programs enable federal, state, county and corporate employees to donate to their favorite charities through payroll deduction; it's an easy way to get a tax deduction and help Rude Ranch at the same time. If you have a friend or family member who participates in any of these campaigns, let them know about us! Our designation numbers are: CFC 45379, MCC 4650 and United Way 9664.

In addition to the CFC events this fall, we are planning our annual Putts For Mutts Golf Tournament on October 15 at Queenstown Harbor. Come join us for a great day of golf and food! Last, but not least, is our annual Photos with Santa Claws Event at Crunchies Pet Foods in Crofton, Saturday, December 15. I will be very happy to recreate my role as Santa Claws for all our furry friends!

As always, I want to extend a special thanks to our adoptive families, contributors, supporters and volunteers who are vital to our success in our goal to save abandoned and neglected animals and place them in new loving homes. Without you, we could not help the animals.



Moving? Planning on moving across the street, state or country soon? Don't forget to let us know so we can update our mailing list. Just send an email to rrar@ruderanch.org with your new address and we will take care of the rest.

Trying to cut down on paper in your mailbox? Just send us an email at rrar@ruderanch.org and we will send you a link to our newsletter when it's available online!

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Rude Ranch Animal Rescue is a volunteer based, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the rescue, care and adoption of homeless animals in the Maryland and DC area. Our goals are to find permanent loving homes for adoptable animals placed in our care; to provide a safe haven and rehabilitation to feral and neglected cats rescued from abusive situations; and to put an end to needless euthanasia because of pet overpopulation.

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Hit the Links! Putts Fore Mutts

Mark your calendars! The Fourth Annual Putts Fore Mutts Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Putts Fore Mutts Foundation, to benefit Rude Ranch Animal Rescue and The Spay Spa & Neuter Nook will be held October 15 at Queenstown Harbor!

Last year's tournament was a huge success raising over \$18,000 for Rude Ranch and other local animal charities. This year's tournament will be even bigger with fantastic food, great prizes, a silent auction and more!

The tournament will be a 4 person scramble. Registration starts at 9 with a shot gun start at 11! You can also participate in the putting contest, long drive (Rude Ranch's own Dr. Robert Harrison won last year!) and others.

For more info, sponsorship opportunities, and to sign up, go to www.PuttsForeMutts.org!



Rude Ranch Furballs Ready To Invaade Government Agencies!

While most dogs have been taking it easy this summer, snoozing in the sun, playing with their families and plotting to steal hot dogs off the grill, Bunny, Rude Ranch's fund raising miniature pinscher, has been busy getting ready for the Fall CFC and MCC season! She even helped make a Rude Ranch CFC video! The Rude Ranch CFC video is available on the Rude Ranch website (www.ruderanch.org/ruderanch-cfc2010.mp4). This year is even more exciting because Rude

Ranch was accepted into the National Capital Area United Way!

If you've never heard of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), the Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) or the United Way, here's how it works: If you work for the federal government, Maryland State government, or a Maryland County government, you can pick one (Rude Ranch) or several charities to donate to through payroll deduction. Once you designate Rude Ranch, your agency will deduct your tax deductible specified amount from your paycheck and send it to Rude Ranch. Your generous donations through CFC, MCC and the United Way help us provide



Bunny the min pin is ready to work!

the day to day care, medicine, food and litter to our residents (and don't forget plenty of Pupperoni's for our working dogs!)

Not a government employee but have a friend or family member who is? Let them know about Rude Ranch. We love to come to the agency events to see everyone, so if your agency is having a charity event, let us human employees know about it at info@ruderanch.org!

Left Behind

The current economic conditions have had an effect on almost every person in the U.S. Thousands of people have lost jobs and homes. Many town sheriffs and apartment managers have faced the unpleasant task of removing individuals and families from the places they used to call "home". In some cases out of spite or desperation, people have left animals behind, sometimes with unfortunate consequences.

This happened last April at an apartment complex in Glen Burnie, MD: a young man was evicted at the end of the month. When the complex's maintenance team went into the apartment several days later for cleaning and repairs, they found a mother dog and eight six week old puppies, locked in a crate, abandoned by the previous tenant. Although mom and pups were filthy, hungry and thirsty they appeared to be healthy, just malnourished.

Although happy that the dogs were ok, the crew now had another problem: what to do with 9 dogs? The crew felt sorry for the young family and didn't want to turn them over to animal control where they would have to compete with hundreds of dogs for a home. However, no one person could handle that many dogs on their own. With the help of the apartment manager they came up with the next best thing: the puppies were divided up. The apartment manager took two, while a couple of the maintenance crew took a puppy. An elderly neighbor liked the mother dog, but had no idea



Samson and Isabella recovered from their rough start

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JackJack Goes Home

JackJack is a 16 pound Dachshund that was in the news last spring. He was found wandering in the weeds on the side of the road in Crownsville, MD. Worried that he would be hit by a car, a caring person picked him up, and not knowing what else to do, took him to the county animal control shelter. Part of animal control's standard animal intake procedure is to scan for a microchip. Imagine the officer's surprise when it turned out that not only did this little dog have a microchip, but he had been reported missing/stolen over 4 years ago from an Army Base in North Carolina!



JackJack gets ready to ride!

Jack Jack had been living with his family (whose dad is in the Army) near Fort Bragg when he went out to play in the yard and disappeared. Heartbroken, his family searched for him and filed missing pet reports with the base and AVID, the company that manufactured his microchip. Unfortunately, they never found JackJack and were transferred to another base. Since then, the family has moved several times, and are currently in Kentucky, while the dad is deployed.

Although his family was overjoyed to learn that their beloved JackJack was alive and well and wanted him back, the logistics of getting him were proving difficult. Between financial issues, the father's deployment and the children's schooling, JackJack's human mom could not travel to Maryland to retrieve him. It was starting to look like JackJack wouldn't be able to go home after all.

Then Jack Jack's luck changed: there was an animal transport convoy scheduled to go from Mississippi to New York! It would be passing within 2 hours of Jack Jack's family in Kentucky! Normally these convoys transport animals from overloaded rural shelters in the south to high population areas in the north. However, all the transporters along the way agreed to help Jack Jack go in the opposite direction. All that was needed was to get Jack Jack to Harrisburg, PA, to meet the convoy. Friends of Pep, a border collie rescue, even offered to come halfway to get Jack Jack, so now he just needed a ride to York, PA.

Sherry Dunn, animal control's shelter manager wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to get Jack Jack back to his family, but didn't have anyone to drive him. Knowing that Rude Ranch has transported animals before she called on Jack Jack's behalf. Fortunately, we were able to rearrange a

few things and before long Jack Jack was on his way!

It took 3 days for Jack Jack to get home to a happy reunion with his family. Only Jack Jack knows how he happened to end up on the side of a road in Maryland and what adventures he had during those 4 years he was away from his family. One thing is for sure: he remembered them and is happy to be home!

Mark Your Calendars: Santa Claws is Coming December 15!

Even though the first Holiday Decorations aren't in the local mall yet, Rude Ranch Executive Director Bob Rude is already letting his beard and hair grow for his upcoming role as Santa Claws!

For the past 11 years, Bob has played Santa to countless dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, ferrets and even a monkey! Why? To help raise money for the furry residents here at Rude Ranch!

What will be the most unusual animal to pose this year?



Bruno poses with Santa!

(Last year it was a red spike-tailed lizard.) Who will set the record for the most animals in one photo? (It's still the 10 Greyhounds!) To find out, come to Rude Ranch's Photos with Santa this December at Crunchies Pet Foods, 2421 Crofton Lane, on December 15th! Be sure to check our online events calendar for more details at www.RudeRanch.org.



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Making Their Way Back Home . . .

Storm and Racer were two "traveling" cats featured in our last newsletter. Storm is a sweet Maine Coon that had been lost 2 years earlier when he escaped from his house, while Racer is a handsome brown tabby that got into a little trouble with security at the local airport. Both cats needed a ride across the country to get back to home. With the help of several airline employees, Rude Ranch was able to help them get home.

Storm made the trip from Baltimore to Las Vegas with no problems (although he did have a slight accident somewhere over Utah) and slept in bed with his family his first night home (after a bath). Racer had a slightly longer trip to Sacramento, CA (and still didn't like airport security) but also was very happy to land in his new digs and be with his person.



Racer chills out in California

We are happy to report that both cats have settled back in with their families and are enjoying their lives in the west. Racer has even appointed himself as the family social director, welcoming guests to his home and entertaining them!

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she and the puppies had been left behind. She offered to adopt the mother dog. That just left two puppies, a big brindle boy and a cute yellow girl. Not knowing where else to turn, they called Rude Ranch for help.

Rude Ranch animal caretaker Andrea was able to foster the young pups while they recovered. It wasn't long before Samson and Isabella grew into two handsome young dogs, and were full of mischief. Isabella was soon adopted and now lives in a townhouse in Carroll County, MD while Samson was adopted by a family in Edgewater, MD. Although this canine family had a rough start, they are all doing well with their new families, and are surviving the economic crisis.

Honor A Special Pet



Former Rude Ranch Mascot, Boomer, is remembered in a mural at the Sanctuary

Although we love all our pets dearly, sometimes one particular animal seems to have a special place in our hearts. Now you can share that special "furbal" with the world! The walls of Rude Ranch's Spay Spa & Neuter Nook will be decorated with murals featuring animals (including former and current Rude Ranch residents) in multiple settings. We will also feature up to 10 special additional animals in these murals. You can honor or memorialize your special pet at the Spay Spa & Neuter Nook through a Pet Sponsorship of \$1000. Contact Bob at info@spayspa.org for more details.

Want to Know What Really Happens Here at Rude Ranch?

"Like" and Follow Rude Ranch on Facebook! (www.Facebook.com/RudeRanch) You can find out what is happening, who's coming and going and even get updates on some of our former residents! Not to be outdone, Rude Ranch's cats and dogs also have a Facebook presence. Tommy (www.Facebook.com/TommyTomcat) will tell it like it is from a purely feline (with lots of ego) perspective, while Bunny (www.Facebook.com/CesarRude), our miniature pinscher and administrative helper will talk about Rude Ranch's happenings from her slightly hyper canine perspective!



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Ask Tommy: Advice From Our Feline To Yours

Welcome to the latest edition of Ask Tommy. This is where your four-footed and feathered friends can ask resident Rude Ranch Feline Tommy for advice on how to handle humans. At the ripe old age of 15, he's now "writing" this column to pass his wisdom on to the next generation of animals. This edition has two very similar letters:

Dear Tommy,

You won't believe what my humans have gone and done now! They've gone out and gotten a puppy! A running, barking, sniffy, nose picking puppy! They expect ME to help train it! What can I do?

Signed, Not Puppy Trainer



Dear Tommy,

This is it! I'm going to a new home! I'm so excited to have my own family! The only thing I'm worried about is that the other cat there won't like me. What can I do to make him like me?

Nervous Newcomer

Dear Nervous and Puppy Trainer,

You both have similar situations, although you are each looking at things from opposite sides of the proverbial fence. It can be stressful for both the current furballs and the new furball when changes are made. After all, you put a lot of time and training into getting your humans on your schedule and now they've gone and messed up your routine.

Now I know your humans are all excited about the new-comer and want everyone to get along. The key to expanding an animal family peacefully is to introduce everyone slowly.

When the new puppy/cat comes home, instead of gathering the current cats up and putting the puppy in their faces, the humans should put him/her in a crate and let the cats slowly approach him/her. If the puppy starts to jump or nip at the cats, the humans need to correct the puppy quickly. Eventually the humans should keep the puppy on a leash around you cats and allow you guys to come to the puppy when you are ready. Your humans should always give you an "escape route" that you can get to easily and quickly if the puppy gets too rowdy for you. Also remember, if the

puppy tries to stick his really cold nose, you know where, you can always bop him with a paw. Just remember the puppy is young and needs to learn, so don't shred him.

Likewise, being the new furball in the house is also stressful. All the resident furbies are upset at the new guy for invading their domain. Have your new humans put you in an area by yourself for a few days. Have them feed/give treats and play with you and the existing furballs on opposite sides of your door so the old timers start to associate good things with being around you. After awhile have your humans put the bed you've been napping in out with the others so they can get used to your scent. Then, when the humans do open your door, don't be too aggressive... after all, if the resident cat is 17 and arthritic, she might not appreciate wrestling with a youngster. If that is the case, encourage your humans to adopt a friend closer to your age.

Don't forget, no matter how excited you and your humans may be about the newcomer, always introduce each other slowly. That's the way to a harmonious house with lasting friendships!

Your friend, Tommy



Can't Adopt a Pet Right Now? Sponsor a Rude Ranch Cat!

Want to help a homeless animal, but can't take one more in? Sponsor a Rude Ranch long-term resident instead! Your tax deductible sponsorship of a Rude Ranch long-term resident for just \$20 a month (67¢ a day) will provide food, kitty litter and toys for one of our special needs cats. The cats in this program include feral and abused cats, HIV positive and FELV positive cats. Right now most of our HIV cats have sponsors, but a lot of the feral and abused cats are in need. When you sponsor a cat, you'll receive an adoption certificate with pictures of your chosen cat and its history. We will proudly display a picture of your cat with your name as the cat's sponsor on our website. You can even make an appointment to come visit your "virtual adoptee" anytime. For more information, visit our website at www.ruderanch.org and click on "Sponsor A Resident". Or email rrn@ruderanch.org.



Henry is looking for a sponsor!



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The Best Little Cat House in Maryland: The Purrrfect Gift For the Animal Lover in Your Life!

It's Official! *The Best Little Cat House in Maryland* is one of the funniest, most touching books you will ever read! It is the official story of Rude Ranch Animal Rescue. It is now available in hardcover, softcover, ebook and Kindle editions!

The book explains many little known facts such as how Rude Ranch got its name, what the Rude Ranch building was originally used for and even explains what to do in unusual situations such as floating down a river in a Chevrolet Suburban or what to do with a run away goat in a thunderstorm.

Available through the Rude Ranch website . . . www.RudeRanch.org/polkat/furniture.html (it really is our sales page!) and Amazon.com, *The Best Little Cat House in Maryland* makes a great gift for any animal lover. The proceeds of each purchase go right back to the furry residents of Rude Ranch.



Enjoy an Excerpt from The Best Little Cat House . . .

In the days following Hurricane Katrina Rude Ranch was one of the many animal groups asked to deploy to assist in animal rescue efforts. Bob was assigned to the Tylertown, MS rescue center.

One night as he was walking back across the compound, Bob heard a lot of yelling and commotion; it sounded like someone yelling "catch the pig."

Bob realized what was happening when a 300 plus pound Pot Bellied pig ran into him at full speed. In an effort to slow the pig down, Bob sat on her (at least they were pretty evenly matched in weight class). While riding a pig wasn't in the same league as a bucking bronco, apparently they were somewhat difficult to hang on to. It took twenty people almost thirty minutes before "Suzie the pig" was finally herded back to her pen. Bob had jokingly earned the title "The Pig Whisperer."



YES, I would like to help the animals . . .

Rude Ranch Animal Rescue relies on donations and volunteers to carry out our mission to save the animals. We receive no federal funding. Your donation of a few dollars* or a few hours of your time can go a long way toward helping our cause.

Name _____ Address _____

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Please check one: ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$_____ ☐ I would like to volunteer

Our Mailing address is: Rude Ranch Animal Rescue, 3200 Ivy Way, Harwood, MD 20776

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Does your employer have a matching donation program? If so, your donation will be doubled! Please send any matching donation documentation requirements to Rude Ranch and we will gladly process them. Thank you!

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"I'm looking for a family . . ."

"Hi! I'm Roseann - Rosie for short! I came to Rude Ranch from the County Animal Control Agency. I was kind of on the list of furballs that had run out of time. My original family turned me in to Animal Control because I developed a cyst in my mammary glands . . . unfortunately, my family could not afford to have the cyst removed. The cyst had gotten big and uncomfortable enough to make me one cranky cat! Once I got to Rude Ranch, the cyst was removed and now I am one happy kitty!

Even though I'm 6 years old, I still love to run and play like a kitten! (I even do the sideways kitten arch hop!) I love laser pointer games and sleep on my back like a sea otter. Contact the humans here at Rude Ranch to meet me!"



Immediate Needs/Wish List

- Jumbo size litter boxes
- Canned cat food and dog food
- Volunteers
- Paper towels and plates

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